



A Choose the correct definition looking at the text

- 1. **The expression DOUBLE-WHAMMY means:**
 - a combination of two usually adverse forces, circumstances, or effects
 - a combination of usually equal forces, circumstances, or effects
 - a combination of two usually similar forces, circumstances, or effects
 - a combination of usually adverse forces, circumstances, or effects
- 2. **The adjective GRITTY means:**
 - sweet
 - rough
 - strange
 - painful
- 3. **The word RECEPTOR means:**
 - a cell or group of cells that sends stimuli
 - a cell or group of cells that collects stimuli
 - a cell or group of cells that processes stimuli
 - a cell or group of cells that produces stimuli
- 4. **The word BUILDUP means:**
 - sudden increase
 - gradual increase
 - gradual decrease
 - sudden decrease
- 5. **The word ONSET means:**
 - development
 - progress
 - beginning
 - end
- 6. **The expression LIFE-THREATENING means:**
 - lasting a lifetime
 - safe
 - immortal
 - potentially fatal
- 7. **The word SEIZURES means:**
 - dimensions
 - fainting
 - out of breath
 - convulsions

B Answer the questions

- 1. Why is the saying "Your face is your fortune" proper to Marty Feldman?
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- 2. Who is mainly affected by Graves' disease?
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- 3. What are the main symptoms of Graves' ophthalmopathy?
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- 4. What happens to the immune system of people affected by Graves' disease?
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- 5. Why is the cigarette smoking considered a risk factor?
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- 6. What is the thyroid storm?
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C Match the word in column A to the correct synonym in column B

A	B
1) Hyperactive	a) Cure
2) Trademark	b) Premature end to pregnancy
3) Treatment	c) Overwrought
4) Puffy	d) Bloating
5) Trigger	e) Breakable
6) Miscarriage	f) Cause
7) Brittle	g) Brand

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D Read the clues and write the words.

Find the secret word by putting the grey letters in the right order.

1. A disorder of structure or function in a human, animal, or plant, especially one that produces specific symptoms or that affects a specific location and is not simply a direct result of physical injury.

D I S E A S E

2. Relating to, induced by or affected with hyperthyroidism.

T H Y R O T O X I C

3. Caused by the action of antibodies produced against substances normally present in the body.

A U T O I M M U N E

4. A toxic condition of pregnancy characterized by high blood pressure, protein in the urine, abnormal weight gain, and edema.

P R E E C L A M P S I A

5. Chemicals that the body releases that affect how certain organs or tissues grow or develop.

H O R M O N E S

6. Physical, mental, or emotional strain that disturbs one's normal bodily functions.

S T R E S S

C L I L

7. A butterfly-shaped gland that sits low on the front of the neck secreting several hormones.

T H Y R O I D

8. A blood protein produced in response to and counteracting a specific antigen.

A N T I B O D I

9. The red liquid that circulates in the arteries and veins of humans and other vertebrate animals, carrying oxygen to and carbon dioxide from the tissues of the body.

B L O O D

10. Physical or mental features which are regarded as indicating a condition of disease, particularly such features that are apparent to the patient.

S Y M P T O M S

11. The pieces of hard whitish tissue making up the skeleton in humans and other vertebrates.

B O N E S

12. The distinct types of material of which animals or plants are made, consisting of specialized cells and their products.

T I S S U E S

SECRET WORD:

E X O P H T H A L M O S

E Discussion & Research

In pairs, student A is an ophthalmologist while student B is a patient affected by Graves' ophthalmopathy. Searching on the Internet, student A should proceed to the diagnosis and possible therapies by answering the patient's questions and explaining to him/her the features of the disease and the effects of the prescribed treatments.